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Write it August first.
Chime in with your boos.
Meantime, don't forget to walk to
the right.

Speaking of flat wheels, there is the
balting Tut-tut-tut-Tuttle.

Never was a better time than right
now to do a lot of boosing.

Out of his "Mouth," it appears,
Apostle Smoot's heart speaketh.

Can't elect both of 'em; so you've
got to vote either for Bill or for Bill.

Even a man's self-esteem should
prompt him to love his better half.

Some people voted against the bonds
because they were not for two mil-
lions.

How would you like to be as the
mossback—compelled to abandon the
grouch?

Yes, but it should be perfectly un-
derstood that the Deseret News is not here
to tell the truth.

But the greatest Unnecessary Noise
appears to be made by the society pre-
tending to suppress it.

Mr. Taft admits that he is somewhat
weary, but the country is so polite as
not to say anything at all.

With respect to freedom in the Mor-
mon ecclesiasticism, it may be said
simply that there isn't any.

It is quite likely that Prof. Joseph
F. Smith voted, and everybody on
earth knows that he is a fraud.

An Indiana man declares that he had
a pan of eggs scrambled by lightning.
Does he want a job on the Deseret
News?

Even with the candidates there is
the big "if." This, of course, with
reference to what they will do "if"
elected.

But it is likely that some persons
persist in walking to the left merely
because they can't think of anything
more silly to do.

Silk hosiery mills of Connecticut have
been increasing their output. It is an
ill wind that blows nobody any good,
even in the sheath gown fad.

When you hear a man say that he
doesn't like to go to the circus, never
bat an eye while you also inform him
that there are five asses in a good deck.

Natural that the Sheriff's office
should have taken great interest in the
late bond election, there being no other
in which it may now or hereafter have
any possible concern.

Friend Harry Joseph, quite as un-
hinged as he is enthusiastic, doesn't
seem to know when it is time to stop
saying, "Boo!" But you know what's
the matter with Harry.

His "Mouth" says that Apostle
Smoot stands high with the Marion,
Indiana, Leader. But how, thinks it,
does the Lord's anointed Senator stand
with the Podunk Clarion?

About the most disappointed person
in town over the bond issue result is
the newly returned missionary who has
been away for a couple of years trying
to convince the world that it is a
chump.

Obstructionists appear to think it is
an outrage to vote six hundred thou-
sand dollars for public improvements

when they also have to dig up two
millions annually for the privilege of
hearing a rank faker tell them that
he is a prophet.

THE REDUCED TAX LEVY.

The City Council in fixing the tax
levy for this municipality the present
year the same in aggregate as last year,
which was duly signed by Mayor Brans-
ford and certified up immediately,
squarely redeemed the pledges made be-
fore the election. The State levy and
the county levy are the same as last
year. The school levy for the city is
reduced three-tenths of a mill, the tax-
ing power of the board of education
having been so increased as to meet all
reasonable needs and make this reduc-
tion feasible, and at the same time do
everything necessary for the schools
and the cause of education.

The result is that there is in the to-
tal levy a reduction of three-tenths of a
mill below the total tax levy of last
year. Last year the total levy was
37.3 mills; this year it is an even 37
mills.

This is one of the immediate benefi-
cial results of the victory for the
bonds at Wednesday's election. If the
bonds had been defeated, unquestion-
ably the city tax levy would have had
to be materially raised, in order to
pay for public improvements contracted
for and absolutely necessary. But the
taxpayers of Salt Lake voted, very
properly, that they did not wish to pay
for permanent public improvements by
current tax levy. No city does it, and
Salt Lake should not do it. This city
has tried to do altogether too much of
that sort of thing in the past and has
disregarded the policy of other cities in
this respect. The general policy adopt-
ed by municipalities elsewhere is un-
doubtedly the right one—to allow pos-
sibility, which will have the advantage
of these improvements, to help pay for
them. As the city grows, undoubtedly
it will increase in assessed valuation to
such an extent as to allow further bond-
ing at need. The increase in the city's
valuation this year over last is almost
\$2,000,000. But a very few years of
increase at this rate would allow of
a substantial further issue of bonds
when they may be needed. With the
authorization of the \$600,000 made at
Wednesday's election, it can be reason-
ably hoped that the added assessed
values here will continue on the same
scale as heretofore.

The immediate cause for felicitation
in this matter, however, is that the
general tax levy the present year is a
trifle less than the tax levy of last
year. This could not possibly have been
the case with the defeat of the bonds.
Therefore, the city is to be congrat-
ulated on its good fortune the present
year, because the taxpayers had the
good sense to vote the bonds and so
heed the explicit warning conveyed by
the plain, businesslike statement given
out before election by Mayor Bransford,
that the tax levy would certainly have
to be increased if the bonds were not
voted. It is fortunate all through that
good sense prevailed, and good business
judgment. Otherwise we should have
had now to face a considerable increase
in the tax rate, in place of the decrease
which the facts agreeably show.

MORE GNASHING OF TEETH.
The church organ continues extreme-
ly bitter in its opposition to the bonds,
even now since they have carried. It
refuses to be comforted, and it is just
as fully satisfied as it was before elec-
tion that the money is going to be di-
verted to party purposes and not used
for public improvements. Last night
it cited what it claimed to be a breach
of faith with respect to the raising of
the tax rate under the Morris admin-
istration in 1905, undertaking to im-
plicate Councilman W. Mont Perry in
its alleged breach of faith and trust.
Of course the News is lying about this,
as it lies about everything which it
puts forth.

There is no reason to charge a breach
of faith at all in the matter brought
forward by the News. The breach of
faith in that matter was not in the di-
rection which it points out, but in an-
other direction entirely, as The Trib-
une has shown heretofore. But in order
to place the News on record with re-
gard to its discontent with respect to
the bond issue, we reproduce here its
sneering editorial of last night under
the heading, "Money for the Cam-
paign," as follows:

If the bond issue is disposed of the
city administration will get \$600,000 to
expend on public works. Under the
direction of the gentlemen to whom the
Herald—with their full knowledge and
approval, possibly—refers as "a rapacious
band of grafters" it will be possible to
employ a large host of voters pledged to
help the "American" party to carry the
county.

The Mayor and some other prominent
gentlemen have solemnly pledged them-
selves that the \$600,000 will be distrib-
uted as promised by the numerical ma-
jority of the Council. That is to say,
they have pledged themselves that \$600,000
be expended on an aqueduct, \$100,000
for water mains in the Fourth ward,
\$50,000 in the First ward, \$200,000 for
the enlarging of the East Jordan canal,
and \$150,000 for sewer extension. But
these pledges are no obstacle to using
the money for the furtherance of party
purposes, as will be evident in the dis-
bursement of it. They do not prevent
the "rapacious band of grafters" from
using for the benefit of their party the
money obtained by taxing through their
tools in the Council, the whole commu-
nity, or placing a mortgage on every
home in the city. And that is what the
bond issue means to the city.

The American party leaders are now
hopeful of carrying the county in the
fall. There will be no lack of money
for campaign purposes, as there will
be no lack of vilification of the church
and church leaders to stimulate "Ameri-
can" patriotism; nor of deceptive prom-
ises for the benefit of dupes. If the
genuine American citizens of this beau-
tiful valley are not looking forward with
indifference to a possible pseudo-Ameri-
can "conquest" for loot, they will con-
sider seriously some practical means of
defense of their material as well as spiri-
tual interests.

If we may judge from the ravings of
some contributors to the columns of the
pseudo-American organ, the scheme is,
when the county officers are captured, to
make an enormous raise in the taxes on
all farm property. The cry is now that
the bond issue is a "undermining" of
the city's property. That means any-

thing it means that the "rapacious band
of grafters," whoever they are, are al-
ready calculating on the chances of ex-
ploiting the county, for high taxes and
bonds.

No more contemptibly mean and vi-
cious editorial than that was published
by the News at any time in its cam-
paign of opposition to the bonds. We
reproduce it merely to show the church
organ's malignity, and to let all the
people see that it is inconceivable over
the help that the city will receive in
its progress and growth through the
issue of the bonds, which the News so
malignantly and mendaciously opposed.
Evidently, the News was so sure of
beating the bonds, and so stopping the
city in its growth, that it cannot re-
concile itself to the fact that it was
defeated.

CONTINUING FALSE TACTICS.

It was a much-favored piece of tac-
tics of the reactionaries and enemies of
Salt Lake during the recent bond elec-
tion to imagine that certain things, ob-
noxious to them and perhaps to others,
might happen, or that somebody might
perhaps express himself as opposed to
the bonds, and then immediately to pro-
ceed on the assumption that the thing
had happened, and the expression had
been made, and base a flaring argument
or report on the unwarranted assump-
tion. This was done repeatedly, discon-
nectedly, contrariwise, and in all sorts
of convolutions. First, it would be as-
sumed that the tax rate was going to
be raised whether the bonds were voted
or not; then that the city tax levy
would not be raised even if the bonds
were defeated, because the City Council
would not dare to do it. It was assumed
that the Mayor and the Council would
not do certain things unless they specifi-
cally pledged themselves to do them.
Then, when that specific pledge was
made, it was assumed that they would
not do them anyhow. And so it went
all along the line.

We notice that this sort of idiotic
tactics, which completely failed in the
bond election, is still pursued on the
general issue involved. Harry Joseph,
for instance, who is the head and front
of the opposition politics and manage-
ment, is quoted yesterday as saying
that "the fact that the City Council did
not raise the tax levy refutes Mr. Lipp-
man's statement, and substantiates the
statements of the minority members.
The bond issue didn't have anything at
all to do with the taxes." That is sur-
ely a most astonishing piece of impudent
irrelevance. The fact is that the city
tax levy remains as it was last year,
simply because the bonds were voted.
If they had not been voted the city tax
levy would unquestionably have had to
be raised, precisely as stated by Mayor
Bransford. For Joseph to claim, in view
of these facts, that "the bond issue
didn't have anything at all to do with
the taxes," shows an infirmity of mind
on his part that has long been guessed
by those who have noted his erratic
notions and acts.

We are distinctly reminded of the
anti-bond tactics above referred to by
the leading editorial in yesterday morn-
ing's Smoot "Mouth," which, under the
head "Delivering the Goods," first sur-
mises then alleges a trade between the
Democrats and "the Kearns party men
of Salt Lake." Then on this utterly
baseless surmise, it proceeded to build
up a long-winded argument, precisely
as though its absolutely false surmise was
a fact. All this sort of thing may be
considered party tactics by the half-
wits in charge of Smootite politics in
Utah. But if there were anything fur-
ther needed to absolutely discredit not
only their surmises, but their purported
statements of facts, their vociferous
claims of truth, which have no truth at
all in them, or so little as to merely add
blackness to the lies, the course of the
Smootite mouthpieces, both written and
spoken, would be sufficient for the pur-
pose. All that is necessary to say, in
regard to this, is that nothing would suit
the American party interests better
than to have these feeble dealers in mis-
representation, these dishonest, tricky
venders of alleged truth that is prin-
cipally no truth, keep right on in the way
that they have begun and add daily to
their infamy, and prove over and over
again, as they constantly have been do-
ing, that they are utterly unworthy of
belief, no matter how persistently and
loudly they set forth their claims and
their views. The more they make an
uproar, the more they say, the greater
will be the mass of falsehood that comes
from them, and the more certainly will
the public be convinced that they are
not worth the least attention from any
candid mind.

POLITICALLY, IT IS WELCOME.

The opposition keeps up its clutter
about contesting the election, claiming
all sorts of silly things, even going to
the extent of protesting that seven hun-
dred illegal votes were cast at the bond
election. Undoubtedly this number of
seven hundred was fixed upon, not be-
cause there is any reason at all to sup-
pose that seven hundred illegal votes
were cast, but that it was necessary to
fix upon some number large enough to
overcome the majority for the bonds
and leave a little margin in between for
failure.

Of course, the carrying out of the
threat, to bring suit against the issue
of the bonds would damage Salt Lake's
interests materially the present season.
It would stop public work, it would
throw labor out of employ, and it would
fix the status of those who fight the
bonds even more definitely than now,
as bitter enemies of the city.

Unquestionably that sort of tactics
would be a material help to the Ameri-
can party in the fall campaign. From
a partisan standpoint we could not be
better pleased than to see the fanatics
continue their false and inconsiderate
assault upon Salt Lake City in the way
proposed.

From the public spirited standpoint,

however, the standpoint of progress and
public utility, we should regret very
much to see any such suits planted as are
threatened. And so we are quite willing
to waive the party advantage that such
suits would bring to us, and express
the hope that those who are now indulg-
ing in this inconsiderate talk of contin-
uing their fight against the bonds will
think better of it, and will abandon
their ill-advised scheme of further con-
tention. To push it further would be
so clearly and distinctly to the disad-
vantage of Salt Lake City that we can
hardly imagine any one of any sense of
public duty or civic obligation continu-
ing a fight which is already lost and is
hopeless from every standpoint, ex-
cept that of mere obstinacy and un-
scrupulous obstruction. Still, if the big-
oted fanatics who are bent on bringing
the progress of Salt Lake to a standstill,
if they are bound to keep on in their
vicious course, we have the consolation
of knowing that the American party will
reap out of it good partisan advantage.

RESURFACING MAIN STREET.

It appears that a good many of those
who made such a fierce and ostensibly
successful raid upon the project to re-
surface Main street, are already pretty
sick of their apparent victory. They
are sorry now that they stopped this
improvement. And from the very ones
who were most virulently opposed to
the proposition at that time comes now
the proposition that it would be a good
thing to resurface the street, take out
the poles, and so permanently improve
the street as to make it at once a safe
and beautiful thoroughfare.

The Tribune believes that the move
ought to be successful, but we do not
believe in reviving it now until the
property owners can be reasonably as-
sured that it will not be torn up again
and that the unsightly poles will be
removed from the street. When the
Mayor and the Council can be assured
with reasonable certainty that the
street will not be interfered with when
it is resurfaced, and that prior to the
work being done the poles will be re-
moved, then nothing better could hap-
pen to the city and to the property
owners involved, than to have a com-
plete resurfacing of the street, taking
out the noisy stones between the tracks
and between the asphalt and the curb
line.

We notice the suggestion that the
proposition to resurface between South
Temple and First South should be elimi-
nated because of the opposition of the
taxpayers on each side of the street
on that block. Prima facie, we should
not be in favor of leaving out that
block. It is altogether likely that with
the better feeling ensuing upon the dis-
cussion of this resurfacing matter, the
opposition to resurfacing, which
was so violent earlier in the season,
has now in large degree, if not wholly,
abated. And certainly it would be un-
sightly to leave that block in its pre-
sent condition and pave the three blocks
below. If, however, it should be found
that the opposition along that block is
implacable and not to be overcome,
then necessarily of course it would have
to be omitted. We should regret this,
however, and hope that such a result
would not be found necessary.

But certainly, before resurfacing any
of the blocks, there should be the rea-
sonable assurance above referred to,
that the asphalt will not be torn up
and made into patch-work again right
away, and that all of the poles now
standing in the street should be taken
out. We think that the Mayor and
Council would be entirely justified in
insisting upon this latter, and making
it mandatory and peremptory, because
there has been enough notice given to
everybody that the poles must come
out. And now if any refuse to take
them out, the city should act with vigor
and remove them anyhow. The street
railway company, we understand, is en-
tirely willing and ready to do its part,
the telephone lines are already under-
ground, and there is no reason why the
unsightly poles should be allowed to
remain any longer on Main street. Nor
is there any reason why the con-
venience of any company should be
consulted to the extent of allowing fur-
ther delay in this needed work. As
soon as the property owners' consent
can be had, and we understand there
will not be much difficulty in obtaining
this now, the work should be begun and
pushed to a speedy completion, on the
clearing of the street of the poles.

HIS PARAMOUNT AUTHORITY.

My testimony to you, my brethren and
sisters, is that this is the church of God;
that Joseph Smith was a prophet of the
living God; that his successors down to
and including President Snow have been
called of God, and that they have given
the people the word of God—Apostle Reed
Smoot in Salt Lake tabernacle, October 5,
1908, Deseret News, December 5, 1909.

Here is a Senator of the United
States who makes frank announcement
to the world that he holds the president
of the Mormon church as being a higher
authority than he does the Government
of the United States—that is, he enter-
tains that belief now, as he did in
1900, or he is apostate from his former
attitude and also deserving of excom-
munication from the church of which
he is an anointed apostle. That he en-
tains this view at the present time
is shown in his testimony at Washing-
ton, wherein he declared that if the
law of the land conflicted with the law
of God, and he was obliged to make
choice of obedience, he would move out
of the country in order to obey the
"word of God."

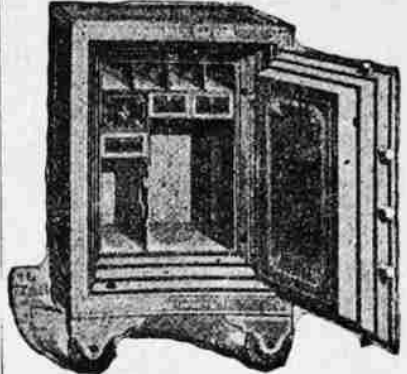
Who is it that is supposed to deliver
this "word of God" to Reed Smoot?
He himself tells us that it is the pres-
ident of the church. He also says that
all of the presiding heads of the church
from the beginning have been called of
the Almighty, stopping at Lorenzo Snow
because Mr. Snow was at that time
alive. Today he will include Joseph F.
Smith in this list of deliverers of the
Almighty's will to men. Smoot recog-

nizes Smith as his supreme dictator,
because he holds the position which en-
titles him to deliver to Smoot "the
word of God," which Smoot declares he
will obey in preference to submitting to
the law of the land. Suppose that Jo-
seph F. Smith convey to Senator
Smoot that it is the "word of God" to
Reed Smoot that he betray his coun-
try, what is Senator Smoot going to do
about it, think you? He is going to be
a traitor—that's all; because he already
defends Smith as a lawbreaker, and ac-
cepts a traitor to his State as his ulti-
mate guide in all things.

"They will stand condemned before
this community," says the Deseret
News, "whenever they break the prom-
ises made." But you must understand
that the church organ was not at all
alluding to the polygamous prophets;
otherwise it would have written in the
past tense.

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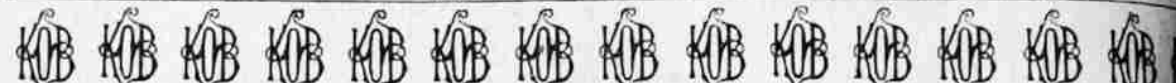
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